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of controlling gambling, see that it goes to churches, but it also goes to Volunteer Fire Department, which I have a strong interest. So this, I think, is a (inaudible) amendment. The city of Omaha, Senator Brown, they want to be able to fly a helicopter for maybe an hour with this tax. (Laugh.) So keep the helicopters on the ground. So I simply rise to oppose this amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam President and members, I stand to oppose the Brown amendment. I don't think there should be an auction. To tell you the truth, if it's right, it's right, if it's not, it's not, about as simple as that. Trying to salvage some of this bingo money from these churches and service clubs is, well, almost laughable, in my opinion, if it wasn't such a serious matter, serious matter indeed. Now if we're going to do this, if we're going to start auctioning this kind of an equity tax issue as it applies to bingo, maybe we ought to start doing the same thing as it applies to aid to education, aid to cities, aid to counties, and I think we can think about cutting all those in half so that the property tax and so that the taxpayers in the state won't have to pick up the difference for these general purpose agencies of government, especially, especially when some of these agencies, local agencies are so big and the amount of money is so small. I can't help but tell you, in my opinion at least, that the amount of good done by the small amount of money, by those dozens and dozens of nonprofit, private organizations that help these people is going to do a heck of a lot more good than \$100,000 in any city, or 300,000, whatever it might be in any city's budget. It would interesting, you know, for them to designate to subdivisions of government how they would spend that 300,000, they could save. And it would be interesting to see if they would spend it in the same way that these charitable organizations will, in fact, spend it, have spent it, and intend to continue to spend it. I think that's an important consideration. I almost think the local jurisdictions ought to be ashamed of themselves for opposing this kind of legislation.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Suttle.